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CASE #: 2013-007293

On February 6, 2013 Deputy Bachnicki responded to 10826 Tanglewood Trail, Concord Township regarding a burglary report. Deputy Bachnicki spoke with Carol Prideaux, 80 years old, who reported that family heirlooms, a silver tea pot and a sterling silver cigarette case from circa 1700's, had been taken from her home. These items were priceless according to Carol.

A person of interest was developed by the name of Michael Bertone. Michael was learned to be the son of one of the caretakers of Carol by the name of Shirley Bertone. Michael admitted during two separate interviews, one voluntary and one under Miranda, to stealing the items from the home. Michael also admitted to stealing jewelry and other silver flatware from the residence, and had sold it to *Ohio Gold and Coin* on Richmond Street. Michael indicated that he had taken these items about one and a half weeks prior to selling them, which he had done on January 31, 2013. Michael stated that he stole the items when he was in the house with his mother when she was taking care of Carol.

Due to Michael's admissions to these criminal acts he was arrested and booked into the Lake County Jail on one count of O.R.C. 2913.02A1 Theft an F-5, due to the offense involving an elderly person.

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